

✕ **Exercise 1.**

- 1) Consider the Markov chain with transition matrix $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j \geq 0}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} p_{0,0} = p_{0,1} = p_{0,2} &= \frac{1}{3} \\ p_{i,i-1} &= \frac{1}{7}, \quad p_{i,i} = p_{i,i+1} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad p_{i,i+2} = \frac{4}{21}, \quad i \geq 1 \\ p_{ij} &= 0, \quad \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Prove that the Markov chain is transient.

- 2) Prove that the following Markov chain with transition matrix

$$\begin{aligned} p_{0,0} = p_{0,1} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ p_{i,i-1} = p_{i,i+1} = p_{i,i+2} &= \frac{1}{3}, \quad i \geq 1 \\ p_{ij} &= 0, \quad \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

is transient.

✕ **Exercise 2.** Consider the Markov chain with transition matrix $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j \geq 0}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} p_{0,0} = p_{0,1} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ p_{i,i-1} &= \frac{3}{4}, \quad p_{i,i+2} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad i \geq 1 \\ p_{ij} &= 0, \quad \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

has a unique invariant distribution.

✕ **Exercise 3.** Consider the transition rates matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find its associated transition matrix P_t .

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(alternative to (↓): ex. 6 exerc. 2)

$$\text{The MC is irreducible} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (X_n)_{n \geq 0} \text{ transient} \\ \iff \exists \text{ bounded, non-const. sol. of} \\ \sum_{k \in E} p_{jk} y_k = y_j \quad \forall j \in E \end{cases}$$

$$j \geq 1: y_j = p_{j(j-1)} y_{j-1} + p_{j(j)} y_j + p_{j(j+1)} y_{j+1} + p_{j(j+2)} y_{j+2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} y_{j-1} + \frac{1}{3} y_j + \frac{1}{3} y_{j+1} + \frac{4}{21} y_{j+2}$$

$$21 y_j = 3 y_{j-1} + 7 y_j + 7 y_{j+1} + 4 y_{j+2}$$

$$4x^3 + 7x^2 - 16x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(4x^2 + 11x - 3) = 0$$

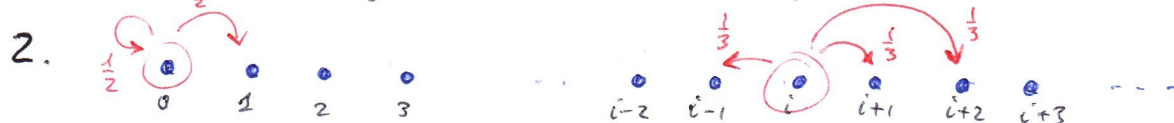
$$x_{1/2/3} = -3, \frac{1}{4}, 1$$

$$y_j = A + B \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^j + C(-3)^j$$

• bounded $\Rightarrow C=0$

• non-const. $\Rightarrow B \neq 0$

Example: $y_j = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^j$ is a bdd non-const. sol. \Rightarrow transient



The MC is irreducible:

$$j \geq 1: y_j = p_{j(j-1)} y_{j-1} + p_{j(j+1)} y_{j+1} + p_{j(j+2)} y_{j+2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} y_{j-1} + \frac{1}{3} y_{j+1} + \frac{1}{3} y_{j+2}$$

$$3y_j = y_{j-1} + y_{j+1} + y_{j+2} \Rightarrow$$

$$3x = 1 + x^2 + x^3$$

$$x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 + 2x - 1) = 0$$

$$x_{1/2/3} = 1, -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

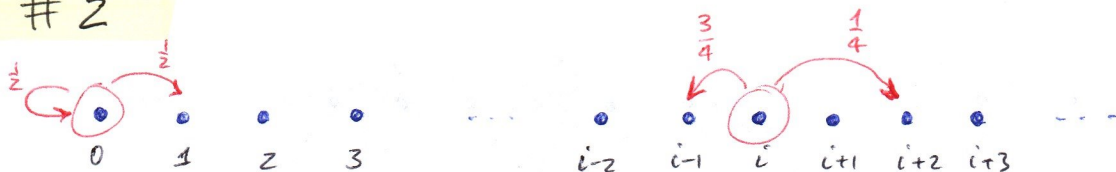
$$y_j = A + (-1 + \sqrt{2})^j B + (-1 - \sqrt{2})^j C$$

• bounded $\Rightarrow C=0$

• non-const $\Rightarrow B \neq 0$

Ex. $y_j = (\sqrt{2}-1)^j$ is a bdd non-const. sol. \Rightarrow transient

#2



This MC is irreducible.

Thm. $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ irreducible MC.
 $\exists (y_j)_j, (x_j)_j$ unbounded :
 $\sum_{k \geq 0} p_{jk} y_k \leq y_j - x_j \quad \forall j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists! (\pi_j)_j$ invariant

• suppose $y_j = j$: $\sum_{k \geq 0} p_{jk} y_k = \sum_{k \geq 0} p_{jk} k = p_{j(j-1)}(j-1) + p_{j(j+2)}(j+2) =$
 $= \frac{3}{4}(j-1) + \frac{1}{4}(j+2) = j - \frac{1}{4}$ but $x_j = \frac{1}{4}$
 is not good since is bounded

• suppose $y_j = j^2$: $\sum_{k \geq 0} p_{jk} y_k = p_{j(j-1)}(j-1)^2 + p_{j(j+2)}(j+2)^2 =$
 $= \frac{3}{4}(j^2 + 1 - 2j) + \frac{1}{4}(j^2 + 4 + 4j)$
 $= j^2 + \frac{7}{4} - \frac{1}{2}j$
 $= j^2 - (\frac{1}{2}j - \frac{7}{4})$ good ($x_j = \frac{1}{2}j - \frac{7}{4}$)

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$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_t ?$$

FKE : $p_{ij}'(t) = \sum_{k \in E} p_{ik}(t) q_{kj} \quad , \quad p_{ij}(0) = \delta_{ij}$

• $\frac{dp_{11}(t)}{dt} = p_{11}(t)q_{11} + p_{12}(t)q_{21} + p_{13}(t)q_{31}$
 $= -2p_{11}(t) + p_{12}(t)$

$\frac{dp_{11}(t)}{dt} + 2p_{11}(t) = p_{12}(t) \quad ; \quad \text{Homogeneous:}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dp_{11}(t)}{dt} = -2p_{11}(t) \\ \frac{dp_{11}(t)}{p_{11}(t)} = -2dt \\ \tilde{p}_{11}(t) = ce^{-2t} \end{array} \right.$$

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Complete: $p_{11}(t) = ce^{-2t} + c(t)e^{-2t}$:

$$\frac{dp_{11}(t)}{dt} + 2p_{11}(t) = p_{12}(t) \Rightarrow \cancel{-2ce^{-2t}} + c'(t)e^{-2t} - \cancel{2c(t)e^{-2t}} + \cancel{2ce^{-2t}} + \cancel{2c(t)e^{-2t}} = p_{12}(t)$$

$$p_{12}(t) = c'(t)e^{-2t} \Rightarrow c(t) = \int_0^t p_{12}(s)e^{2s} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{11}(t) = ce^{-2t} + \int_0^t p_{12}(s)e^{2s} ds$$

$$\text{but } p_{11}(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p_{11}(t) = e^{-2t} + \int_0^t p_{12}(s)e^{2s} ds}$$

$$\bullet \frac{dp_{12}(t)}{dt} = p_{11}(t)q_{12} + p_{12}(t)q_{22} + p_{13}(t)q_{32} = p_{11}(t) - 2p_{12}(t) + p_{13}(t)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$= 1 - 3p_{12}(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{since } p_{13}(t) + p_{12}(t) + p_{11}(t) = 1$$

Homogeneous: $\tilde{p}_{12}(t) = ce^{-3t}$ Complete: $p_{12}(t) = ce^{-3t} + k(t)e^{-3t}$

$$\frac{dp_{12}(t)}{dt} + 3p_{12}(t) = 1 \Rightarrow \cancel{-3ce^{-3t}} + k'(t)e^{-3t} - \cancel{3k(t)e^{-3t}} + \cancel{3ce^{-3t}} + \cancel{3k(t)e^{-3t}} = 1$$

$$k'(t)e^{-3t} = 1 \Rightarrow k(t) = \int_0^t e^{3s} ds = \frac{1}{3} [e^{3s}]_0^t = \frac{1}{3} (e^{3t} - 1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{12}(t) = ce^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3} (1 - e^{-3t})$$

$$\text{but } p_{12}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p_{12}(t) = \frac{1}{3} (1 - e^{-3t})}$$

$$\bullet p_{11}(t) = e^{-2t} + \int_0^t \frac{1}{3} (1 - e^{-3s}) e^{2s} ds = [\dots]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p_{11}(t) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-3t}}$$

$$\bullet p_{13}(t) = 1 - p_{11}(t) - p_{12}(t) = [\dots]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p_{13}(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t}}$$